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SUBJECT: NEW BELGIAN PATENT LAW

REF: STATE 204967

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF THE REFTEL WITH A RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL IN THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE INFORMS US THAT NEW LEGISLATION HAS BEEN DRAFTED TO IMPLEMENT BELGIAN ACCESSION TO THE PATENT CONVENTIONS OF WASHINGTON,EUROPE,MUNICH AND LUXEMBOURG. THE DRAFT BILL IS CURRENTLY AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR REVIEW; FROM THERE IT GOES TO THE GOVERNMENTAL CONSEIL D'ETAT,PROBABLY NEXT MONTH. AFTER APPROVAL BY THE CONSEIL,THE BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PARLIAMENT,PROBABLY SOMETIME THIS FALL. IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH INTERESTED BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC GROUPS IN BELGIUM.BUT WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION BEGINS.

2. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IS ALSO IN THE UNITAL DRAFTING STAGES OF MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING NATIONAL PATENT LAW IN ORDER TO BRING IT INTO ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. THIS LEGISLATION WILL FOLLOW THE SAME PATH DESCRIBED ABOVE. ALTHOUGH TRAILING SOMEWHAT IN TIME.

3. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT,FOR NOW,THIS DRAFT LEGISLATION

IS TO THE U.S.GOVERNMENT " OFFICIALLY"; I.E.,THROUGH THE EMBASSY. HIS OFFICE WOULD ENTERTAIN AN INFORMAL REQUEST FOR COPIES DIRECTLY FROM THE U.S. PATENT OFFICE,HOWEVER.

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IF WASHINGTON IS INDEED ANXIOUS TO SEE THIS LEGISLATION

BEFORE IT IS SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT,WE SUGGEST THAT THE  
PATENT OFFICE WRITE DIRECTLY TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL:  
MR. SCHURMANS,DIRECTEUR DU SERVICE DE PROPRIETE  
INTELLECTUEL,MINISTERE DES AFFAIRES ECONOMIQUES,  
24-26 RUE DE MOT, 1040 BRUSSELS.  
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